

The Exception – الإِسْتِثْنَاءُ

The
excepted

المُسْتَثْنَى

The tool of
exception

أَدَاةُ الإِسْتِثْنَاءِ

The one from which the
exception is made

المُسْتَثْنَى مِنْهُ

All the students have
passed except Hamid

نَجَحَ الطُّلَابُ كُلُّهُمْ إِلَّا حَامِدًا

إِلَّا is a particle used as an instrument of exception. There are many other instruments of exception, including the following important ones.

غَيْرُ

إِسْمَانِ

سِوَى

مَا عَدَا

فِعْلَانِ

مَا خَلَا

أنواعُ الاستثناء – Types of Exception

مَا جَاءَ إِلَّا حَامِدٌ

No one came except Hamid

مُفَرَّغٌ

is مُسْتَثْنَى مِنْهُ
not mentioned

جَاءَ الطُّلَّابُ كُلُّهُمْ إِلَّا حَامِدًا

All students came except Hamid

تَامٌ

is مُسْتَثْنَى مِنْهُ
mentioned

وَصَلَ الضُّيُوفُ إِلَّا أَمْتِعَتَهُمْ

The guests have arrived except their luggage

مُنْقَطِعٌ

is of a different kind
than مُسْتَثْنَى مِنْهُ؟

زُرْتُ الْبِلَادَ الْأُورُوبِيَّةَ كُلَّهَا إِلَّا الْيُونَانَ

I have visited all European countries, except Greece

مُتَّصِلٌ

is of the same kind as
مُسْتَثْنَى مِنْهُ؟

هَلْ يَرُسُّ أَحَدٌ إِلَّا الْكَسْلَانُ

Does anyone fail except the lazy?

غَيْرُ مُوجِبٍ

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

إِفْتَحِ النِّوَافِذَ إِلَّا الْآخِرَةَ

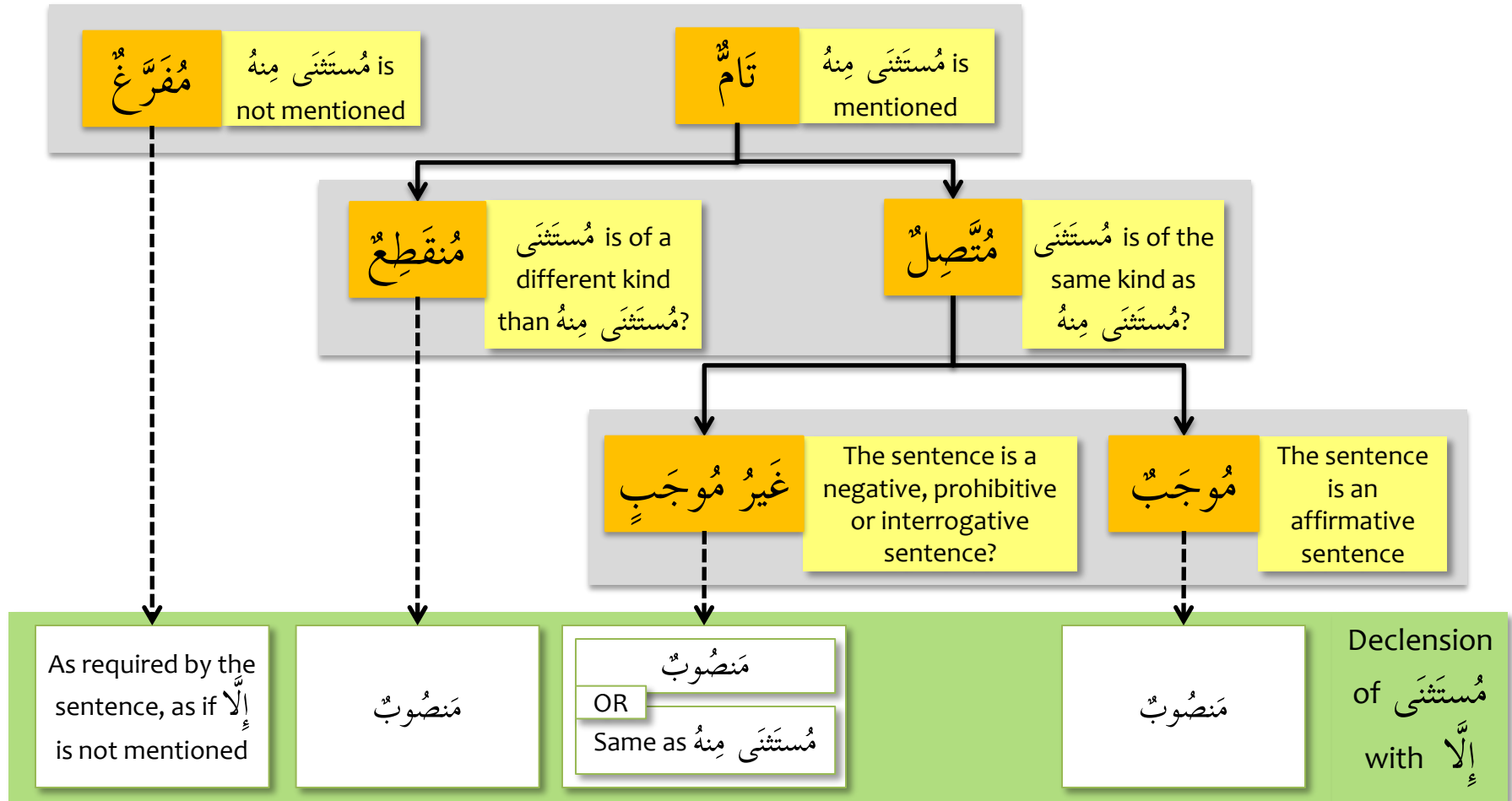
Open the windows except the last one

مُوجِبٌ

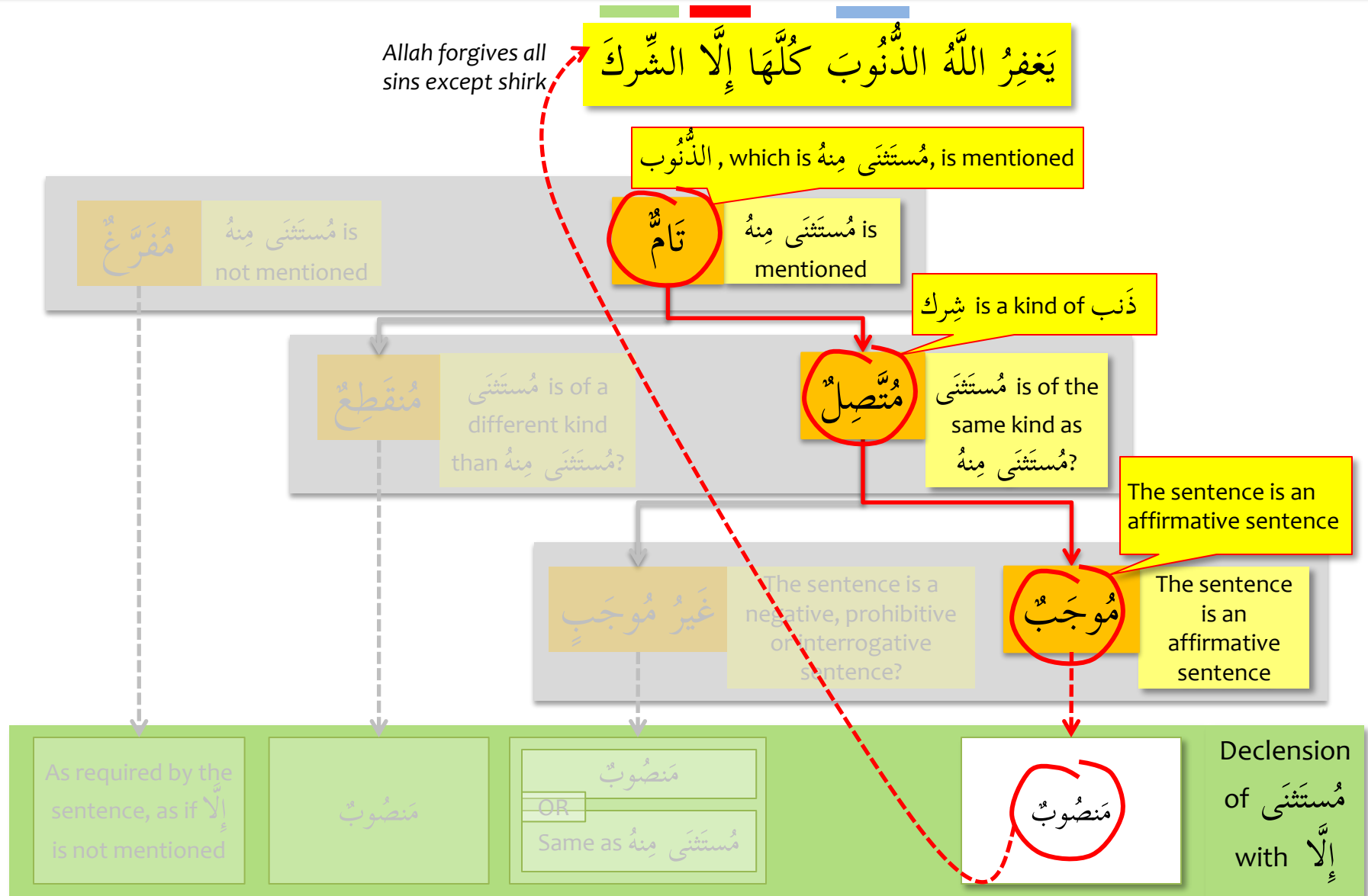
The sentence is an affirmative sentence

Declension of Exception with *illa* – اِعْرَابُ الْمُسْتَثْنَى بِإِلَّا

When *إِلَّا* is used as the instrument of exception, the declension of مُسْتَثْنَى depends on the type of exception, as shown below



أمثلة لـ إِلَّا – Examples for illa



أمثلة لِ إِلَّا – Examples for illa

No students were present except Hamid

مَا حَضَرَ الطَّلَابُ إِلَّا حَامِدًا / حَامِدٌ

Declension of حَامِد is the same as الطَّلَاب

OR

الطَّلَابُ, which is مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ, is mentioned

مُفْرَغٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is not mentioned

تَامٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is mentioned

حَامِد is a student

مُتَّصِلٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى is of the same kind as مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ?

مُنْقَطِعٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى is of a different kind than مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ?

The sentence is a negative sentence

غَيْرُ مُوجِبٍ

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

مُوجِبٌ

The sentence is an affirmative sentence

As required by the sentence, as if إِلَّا is not mentioned

مَنْصُوبٌ

مَنْصُوبٌ

OR

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ Same as

مَنْصُوبٌ

Declension of مُسْتَشْنَى with إِلَّا

أمثلة لـ إِلَّا – Examples for illa

Every sickness has a medicine except death

لِكُلِّ دَاءٍ دَوَاءٌ إِلَّا الْمَوْتَ

دَاءٍ, which is مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ, is mentioned

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is mentioned

تَامٌ

مُفَرَّغٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is not mentioned

Death is not a sickness

مُنْقَطِعٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى is of a different kind than مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ?

مُتَّصِلٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى is of the same kind as مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ?

غَيْرُ مُوجِبٍ

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

مُوجِبٌ

The sentence is an affirmative sentence

As required by the sentence, as if إِلَّا is not mentioned

مَنْصُوبٌ

مَنْصُوبٌ

OR

Same as مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ

مَنْصُوبٌ

Declension of مُسْتَشْنَى with إِلَّا

أمثلة لـ إِلَّا – Examples for illa

مَا رَسَبَ إِلَّا بِلَالٌ

No one failed except Bilal

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is not mentioned

مُفْرَغٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is not mentioned

تَامٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ is mentioned

مُنْقَطِعٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى is of a different kind than مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ?

مُتَّصِلٌ

مُسْتَشْنَى is of the same kind as مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ?

غَيْرُ مُوجِبٍ

The sentence is a negative, prohibitive or interrogative sentence?

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مَنْصُوبٌ

مَنْصُوبٌ

OR

مُسْتَشْنَى مِنْهُ Same as

مَنْصُوبٌ

Declension of مُسْتَشْنَى with إِلَّا

To get the correct declension for إِلَّا in the case of مُفْرَغٌ, remove إِلَّا from the sentence. (مَا رَسَبَ بِلَالٌ) In this case, بِلَالٌ is the فَاعِلٌ so it is مَرْفُوعٌ. Of course, removing إِلَّا will make the meaning opposite of what the original sentence means. This is done only to establish the declension.